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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on April 11, 2001.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Rule 116 Amendment is requested because the amendments were not earlier presented because the applicant believes in good faith that the cited prior art does not teach or suggest the invention as previously claimed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** claims 12-15 without prejudice or disclaimer and **AMEND** claims 1, 2-10, 16 and 17 as follows: